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SUBJECT: IRSG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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FOR GEORGE THIGPEN

1. TOPIC 8 ON AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL RUBBER STUDY GROUP IS IRSG "INTERACTION WITH UNCTAD ABOUT A COMMODITY SCHEME FOR NR". WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE IRSG, AS THE ONLY PRODUCER-CONSUMER RUBBER GROUP, SHOULD HAVE IMPORTANT ROLE IN UPCOMING UNCTAD CONSULTATIONS. US DELEGATE THIGPEN SHOULD REEMPHASIZE THIS VIEW IN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, STRESSING IRSG'S UNIQUE EXPERTISE. THIGPEN SHOULD SEEK AGREEMENT WITHIN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON SPECIFIC CONTRI-
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BUTIONS THAT IRSG SECRETARIAT COULD MAKE TO DECEMBER

PREPARATORY CONSULTATIONS IN GENEVA. WE HAVE IN MIND TWO SUGGESTIONS (THOUGH WE ARE OPEN TO OTHER CONSTRUCTIVE IDEAS)

A) THAT THE IRSG SECRETARIAT COLLABORATE WITH UNCTAD IN PREPARATION OF THE AGENDA, AS WELL AS DOCUMENTATION ON SUCH SUBJECTS AS RUBBER MARKET CONDITIONS, SUPPLY-DEMAND PROJECTIONS, AND NEED FOR A STABILIZATION SCHEME; B) THAT THE IRSG SECRETARY GENERAL SIT ON THE DAIS BESIDE THE

CHAIRMAN OF THE DECEMBER MEETING, AND PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE DISCUSSION.

2. IF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CAN AGREE ON THE ABOVE SPECIFIC STEPS, OR OTHERS ALONG THOSE LINES, WE BELIEVE THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL OUGHT TO PROPOSE THEM TO UNCTAD ON BEHALF OF IRSG. INDIVIDUAL PRODUCER AND CONSUMER COUNTRIES MIGHT ALSO CONSIDER SIMILAR APPROACHES TO UNCTAD SECRETARIAT ON THEIR OWN.

3. TO FACILITATE THESE APPROACHES TO UNCTAD, WE WOULD WELCOME A SPECIAL PLENARY MEETING OF IRSG FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING IRSG PARTICIPATION IN THE PREPARATORY CONSULTATIONS.

4. REQUEST THIGPEN INFORMALLY ADVISE IRSG'S BATEMAN AND AS MANY LONDON REPRESENTATIVES AS POSSIBLE, BEFORE THE OCTOBER 4 MEETING, OF OUR VIEWS DESCRIBED PARA 1-3 ABOVE. KISSINGER

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